

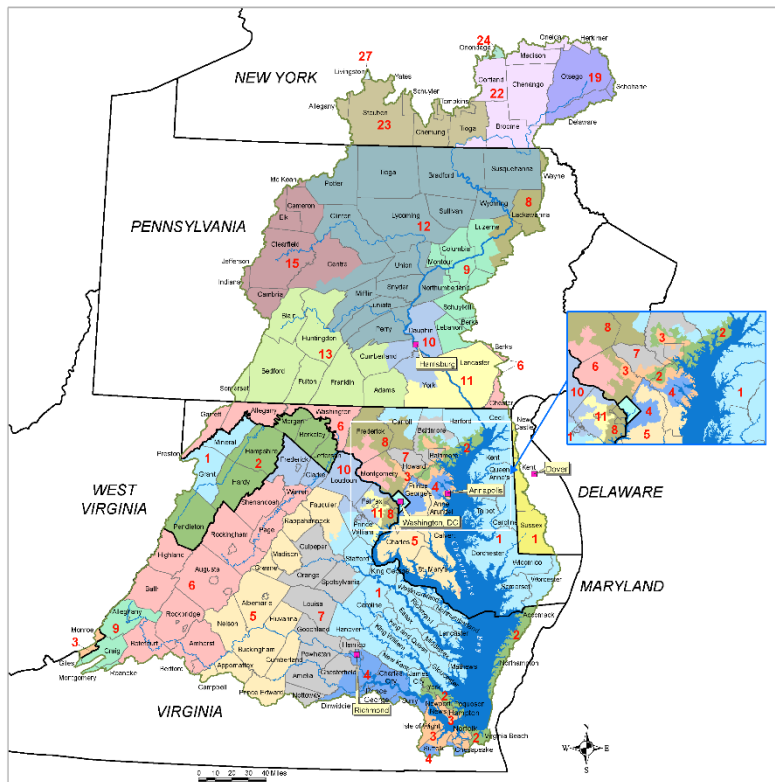
# Choose Clean Water Coalition Presentation

## LGAC, March 18, 2021



# Our Congressional Delegation in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

## Congressional Districts in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



### U.S. Senators and Representatives

117th Congress

#### New York

Senator Charles Schumer (D)  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D)

- 19 Antonio Delgado (D)
- 22 Claudia Tenney (R)
- 23 Thomas Reed (R)
- 24 John Katko (R)
- 27 Chris Jacobs (R)

#### Pennsylvania

Senator Bob Casey (D)  
Senator Pat Toomey (R)

- 6 Chrissy Houlahan (D)
- 8 Matt Cartwright (D)
- 9 Dan Meuser (R)
- 10 Scott Perry (R)
- 11 Lloyd Smucker (R)
- 12 Fred Keller (R)
- 13 John Joyce (R)
- 15 Glenn Thompson (R)

#### Maryland

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D)  
Senator Chris Van Hollen (D)

- 1 Andy Harris (R)
- 2 C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D)
- 3 John Sarbanes (D)
- 4 Anthony G. Brown (D)
- 5 Steny H. Hoyer (D)
- 6 David Trone (D)
- 7 Kweisi Mfume (D)
- 8 Jamie Raskin (D)

#### West Virginia

Senator Joe Manchin III (D)  
Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R)

- 1 David McKinley (R)
- 2 Alex Mooney (R)
- 3 Carol D. Miller (R)

#### Delaware

Senator Thomas R. Carper (D)  
Senator Christopher Coons (D)

At Large Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)

#### Virginia

Senator Mark R. Warner (D)  
Senator Tim Kaine (D)

- 1 Robert J. Wittman (R)
- 2 Elaine Luria (D)
- 3 Robert C. Scott (D)
- 4 A. Donald McEachin (D)
- 5 Robert Good (R)
- 6 Ben Cline (R)
- 7 Abigail Spanberger (D)
- 8 Dan Seyer (D)
- 9 Morgan Griffith (R)
- 10 Jennifer T. Wexton (D)
- 11 Gerald E. Connolly (D)

#### District of Columbia

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)



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# Our Congressional Delegation

- 12 Senators from the six states (10 D's – 2 R's)
- 37 House seats all, or partially, in the watershed (including DC Delegate among them) – 19 D's – 18 R's
  - NY – 5 (1 D/4 R's/)
  - MD – 8 (7 D's/1R)
  - VA – 11 (7 D's/4 R's)
  - PA – 8 (2 D's/6 R's)
  - WV – 3 (3 R's)
  - DE – 1 (1 D)
  - DC – 1 Delegate (1 D)

# What Happened in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress?

# The Omnibus Funding Bill

- The FY21 Omnibus Funding bill gave us historically high funding levels for some key clean water programs in this region.
  - \$87 million for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
  - \$3 million for Chesapeake Gateways
  - \$15 million for USGS Chesapeake watershed activities

# ACE Act Sets Some Markers

America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act passed both the House and Senate unanimously last year. This package included three Chesapeake Bay bills:

- Reauthorization of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program (\$90-\$92 million annually)
- Creation of the Chesapeake WILD habitat restoration program under the US Fish & Wildlife Service (\$15 million annually)
- Reauthorization of the Nat'l Park Service's Chesapeake Gateways Program (\$3 million annually)

# Biden Administration

- Someone good as EPA Administrator
- Someone good who knows Bay restoration issues for EPA Region 3 Administrator
- Re-establish EPA Senior Advisor for the Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River

New EPA Administrator “Science is Back!” (Wash. Post headline 3-15)





# Federal Funding

- 1. The President issues his Fiscal Year Budget Request to Congress on the first Monday of February (sometimes)
- 2. Both the House and Senate are required to produce a budget every year, and occasionally do so
- 3. Congress uses the President's Budget Request as the base for appropriating money every year through 12 appropriation bills

# Choose Clean Water Coalition on the President's FY22 Budget Request

- Chesapeake WILD (FWS) - \$15 million
- EPA Chesapeake Bay Program - \$90.5 million
- NPS Chesapeake Gateways & Trails - \$3 million

# Rescinding Trump Administration Rules

- Rollback the rollbacks
  - WOTUS
  - 401 Certification
  - NEPA
  - Diversity Training ✓

# Ask 1 - Please support increased funding to the new \$90.5 million authorization level for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and its local grant programs?

- We asked for \$90.5m last year and Congress increased funding for \$85m to \$87.5m.
- But since then Congress, in the ACE Act, reauthorized the Bay Program at higher numbers - \$90.5m in FY22
- We still support raising the funding level for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program to **\$90.5 million** in FY22.
- This is the Coalition's **HIGHEST PRIORITY** request.

# Bay Program Grants to States

- More than 71% of the Bay Program's funding goes directly to the states or local communities for local restoration. – this is the FY20 breakdown for \$85 million:
- DC- \$3.4 million
- DE - \$2.9 million
- MD - \$13.6 million
- NY - \$3.6 million
- PA - \$19.6 million
- VA - \$14.0 million
- WV- \$3.3 million
- TOTAL = \$60.5 million

# EPA HQ Taps into CBP \$

- In FY20 EPA HQ siphoned off \$3.452m from the \$85m CBP Budget to be used in the Office of Water, Office of General Counsel Office of Information Management, Office of Administration or the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- No goods or services were given to the CBP in return

# Ask 2 – Please Support \$15 million for Chesapeake WILD

- ACE authorized this new habitat program for the US Fish & Wildlife Service
- ACE was signed into law so late in the appropriations process last year that Congress could not fund anything in its first year – FY21
- It is imperative to appropriate funding to establish and implement this new habitat protection and restoration program throughout the Bay watershed.

# Ask 3 – Please support substantially increasing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) up to \$10 billion?

- We support Congressional efforts to substantially increase funding for the CW SRF as part of a Federal infrastructure spending package.
- There are 1,779 local governments in the Bay watershed that rely on the Clean Water SRF.
- **We also support targeting 20% of these funds toward green infrastructure projects and setting aside at least 20% in each state for additional subsidization for disadvantaged communities.**